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SUBJECT: STATE OF TENNESSEE TRADE MISSION

1. GOVERNOR RAY BLANTON OF TENNESSEE PLANS TO LEAD TRADE MISSION TO ADDRESSEE POSTS SOMETIME IN LATTER PART OF MAY. BESIDES GOVERNOR, MISSION WILL CONSIST OF 2 AIDES AND 15-18 BUSINESSMEN.

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2. MISSION IS RESULT OF INVITATION TENDERED BY DR. CLOVIS

MAKSoud, AMBASSADOR AT LARGE OF THE ARAB LEAGUE, WHO MAINTAINS OFFICES IN BEIRUT AND CAIRO. DR. MAKSoud HAS PROMISED TO ASSIST MISSION BUT POSTS LIKELY TO BECOME INVOLVED, PARTICULARLY IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR GOV. BLANTON'S SCHEDULE. GOVERNOR HAS INDICATED HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH HEADS OF STATE OF EACH COUNTRY VISITED.

3. THREE-MAN ADVANCE PARTY WILL VISIT ADDRESSEE POSTS SOMETIME BETWEEN MARCH 23 AND APRIL 17. ADVANCE PARTY CONSISTS OF:

MR. THOMAS D. BENSON
COMMISSIONER
ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MRS. PATRICIA L. BURNS,
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DR. ABDALLAH ISA
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE

4. THEIR ITINERARY AS GIVEN DEPARTMENT IS:

3/23 ---- LV. NASHVILLE --- 2:45 P.M. --- BRANIFF 118
----- AR. KENNEDY ----- 5:25 P.M. -----

----- LV. KENNEDY ----- 8:30 P.M. --- PAN AM 110
----- AR. BEIRUT ----- 2:55 P.M. -----

3/27 ---- LV. BEIRUT ----- 6:35 P.M. --- IRAQI 036
----- AR. BAGHDAD ----- 8:55 P.M. -----

3/29 ---- LV. BAGHDAD ----- 8:00 A.M. --- MIDDLE EAST AIR-
----- LINES 323
----- AR. BEIRUT ----- 8:30 A.M. -----

----- LV. BEIRUT ----- 5:30 P.M. --- BOAC 710
----- AR. TEHRAN ----- 9:10 P.M. -----

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4/1 ---- LV. TEHRAN ----- 9:45 A.M. --- KUWAIT AIRLINES
----- 901
----- AR. KUWAIT ----- 10:35 A.M. -----

4/5 ---- LV. KUWAIT ----- 6:25 P.M. --- GF 228 (GULF AIR)
----- AR. ABU DHABI --- 9:40 P.M. -----

4/7 ---- LV. ABU DHABI --- 7:30 A.M. --- GF 330
,-'----- AR. DOHA ----- 7:15 A.M. -----

4/8 ---- LV. DOHA ----- 9:15 A.M. --- SAUDI ARABIAN
,----- AIRLINES 997
--- AR. RYADH ----- 11:40 A.M. -----

4/12 ---- LV. RYADH ----- 8:00 A.M. --- SAUDI ARABIAN
,----- 865
----- AR. JIDDA ----- 9:20 A.M. -----

----- LV. JIDDA ----- 12:55 P.M. --- EGYPTIAN AIR 3770
----- AR. CAIRO ----- 2:00 P.M.-----

4/14 ---- LV. CAIRO ---- 9:35 P.M. --- MIDDLE EAST AIR 307
----- AR. BEIRUT ---11:15 P.M.-----

4/17 ---- LV. BEIRUT --- 8:15 A.M. --- PAN AM 111
----- AR. KENNEDY -- 4:35 P.M. -----

----- LV. KENNEDY -- 6:15 P.M. -----
----- AR. NASHVILLE--7:25 P.M. -----
(ALL TIMES GIVEN ARE LOCAL TIMES)

5. THIS IS NOT REPEAT NOT COMMERCE SPONSORED MISSION.
MRS. BURNS ADVISED TO MAKE LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS, USING
CONNECTION WITH DR. MAKSOUD, TO SET UP NECESSARY BUSINESS
APPOINTMENTS FOR MISSION MEMBERS. ALSO ADVISED TO HAVE
ADVANCE MAN PRECEDE MAIN MISSION BY AT LEAST TWO DAYS TO
EACH STOP. STATE OFFICIALS INVOLVED HAVE HAD NO PREVIOUS
EXPERIENCE WITH TRADE MISSIONS OF ANY KIND. POSTS SHOULD
BE FRANK IN ADVISING ADVANCE PARTY ON BEST TIMING FOR
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